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Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioners:

As you may know, AT&T has the largest full-time unionized workforce in the country. The prospect of giving T-Mobile employees that same opportunity is exciting and extremely beneficial for working families in Maine and across the country. I am writing you today in the hopes that you will realize the benefits of this merger and eventually give it your approval.

AT&T has announced that it will spend over \$8 billion to bring a new nationwide high-speed wireless broadband network to over 97% of all Americans. This capital expenditure will promote new jobs necessary to construct and maintain new facilities. Union members and their families in Maine and across the country will benefit from the economic boost that this new network build will bring.

We are pleased that our businesses, hospitals and schools will also be the beneficiaries of this new wireless infrastructure and the broadband services and applications it will bring to consumers, businesses and students. High-speed broadband service is a tool that will help level the playing field and allow persons in small towns and communities to compete throughout the country and the world.

In conclusion, I hope that you can see the potential that this merger has to assist the American workers, businesses, and citizens across the country. I can speak for the Teamsters Local 340 when I say that this merger is good for Maine and the United States of America.

Thank you,

Kenneth Eaton

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